

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

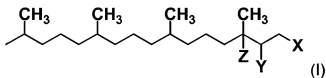
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claims 2-6. (Canceled)

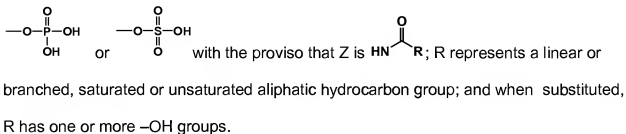
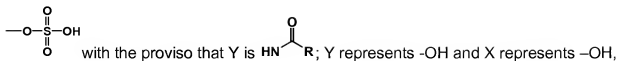
7. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition with dual function for skin whitening and remedy of skin wrinkles comprising: (a) an extract from a seed of *Areca catechu* and an extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* as an active ingredient; and (b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier, wherein said extract from the seed of *Areca catechu* and said extract from *Glycyrrhiza glabra* are entrapped into a biosome which ~~The cosmetic composition according to claim 4, wherein said biosome~~ is prepared by use of a non-ionic surfactant and a ceramide bound to glycering.

8. (Withdrawn) The cosmetic composition according to claim 7, wherein said ceramide is a pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (I):

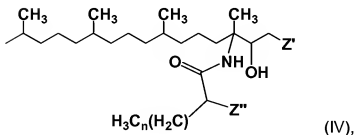
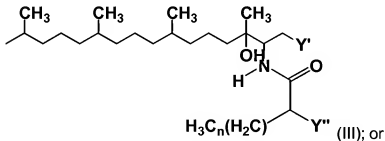
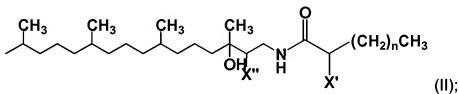




wherein Z represents —OH and Y represents —OH , —O—P(=O)(OH)— or —O—S(=O)(OH)— with



the proviso that X is HN—C(=O)—R ; Z represents —OH and X represents —OH , —O—P(=O)(OH)— or





9. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 8, wherein said pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (II), (III) or (IV):



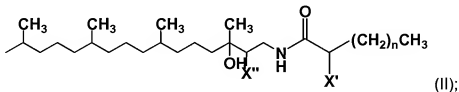
wherein X' represents H or -OH; X'' represents -OH,  or  ;

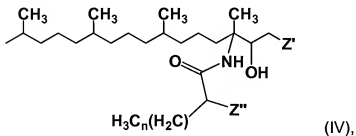
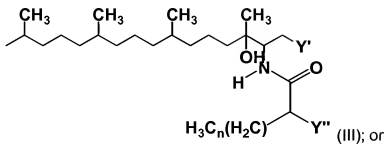
Y' represents -OH,  or  ; Y'' represents H or -OH; Z' represents -

OH,  or  ; Z'' represents H or -OH; and n is 0 or an integer of from 1 to 47.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim [[2]]Z, wherein said cosmetic composition is in the form of one selected from the group consisting of a solution, a suspension, an emulsion, a paste, an ointment, a gel, a cream, a lotion, a powder, a soap, a surfactant-containing cleanser, an oil, a powder foundation, an emulsion foundation, a wax foundation and a spray.

11. (new) The cosmetic composition according to claim 7, wherein said ceramide is a pseudoceramide represented by the following formula (II), (III) or (IV):





wherein X' represents H or -OH; X'' represents -OH, —O—P(=O)(OH)— or —O—S(=O)(OH)— ;

Y' represents -OH, —O—P(=O)(OH)— or —O—S(=O)(OH)— ; Y'' represents H or -OH; Z' represents -

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